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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of Dominique Robertson
Serial No.: 09/281,528
Filed: March 30, 1999
For: *METHOD OF SUPPRESSING GENE
EXPRESSION IN PLANTS*

Group Art Unit: 1649
Examiner: A. Nelson

Date: September 18, 2000

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Response to Restriction Requirement

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 25, 2000, it is respectfully requested that this application be considered in view of the following remarks.

Election of Claims.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group I (Claims 1-21 and 31-34) with traverse, as Applicants respectfully submit that it would not be an undue burden to examine the claims of Groups I-III concurrently.

Conclusion.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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